

President Sutherland had been associated with the activities of the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, and his feeling of the significance of its activities inspired him to invite scientists associated with it to present their views to the faculty and students of the school between 1961 and 1964. In 1964, with the unanimous support of his Board of Trustees and faculty, he instituted a new faculty Committee on Theology and the Sciences and invited men formerly associated with the Institute to serve in this new department and on its Scientific Advisory Board. The purpose was to introduce information from the sciences pertinent to the problems of religion more systematically into theological inquiry.

A journal of the type of *Zygon*, seeking specifically to develop an integration of religious belief systems with the contemporary scientific views of man and the world, goes back to a correspondence in the early 1950's between Burhoe, who was then executive officer of the American Academy, and theologian Henry Nelson Wieman, who had recently retired from the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago (which included Meadville) and who later participated in the work of the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science as well as on the faculty of Meadville. But sufficient interest and support were not then found to make a start. The Institute contemplated establishing a journal in the late 1950's, but the present launching grew out of a 1965 proposal for joint sponsorship by IRAS and Meadville so that the developing insights could grow in a much wider community of scientific, religious, and other scholars, as well as within the whole public concerned with the problem. The directing boards of these two institutions signed a contract to establish a journal through a Joint Publication Board, and to help underwrite the costs of getting the journal started.

It is important here to recognize the hundreds of scientists, scholars, theologians, and others who have over the years been contributing to the climate of opinion in which this journal blossoms forth. And their names and their thinking naturally will be expected to appear in the articles and footnotes of the journal as it unfolds.

THE EDITORS

## *Announcements*

*July 30–August 6.*—Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, annual meeting and summer conference, on Star Island, Isles of Shoals (ten miles off Portsmouth, N.H.). Theme for 1966: "Coping with Death." Accommodations on the island, limited to two hundred, require preregistration. For further information and registration form write Secretary, IRAS, 5711 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

*October 28–29.*—Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, annual meeting, Center for Continuing Education at the University of Chicago. For information write Secretary, SSSR, 1200 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.